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#### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time your next Bulletin reaches you, half the 20th Century will be gone - and a new span of 50 years will lie before us. At this time it is appropriate that I extend to you all my cordial best wishes for a happy and prosperous 1950.

It is also appropriate that I now preview for the membership some of the Overseas Press Club's hopes and plans for 1950. The Board of Governors and myself have high expectations for the OPC's activities during 1950. We are not only going full speed ahead on already-established public service projects -- such as the Club's weekly television show -- but we are launching new and far-reaching programs to stimulate the interest and participation of all members.

Naturally, we shall continue to feature our popular weekly meetings. But, in 1950, we shall make a special effort to give the Club's entire New York membership an opportunity to attend -- by alternating noon and evening sessions and by substituting, here and there, a cocktail party in the Clubrooms. At our "sit-down" meetings there will be top-notch speakers from fields of journalism and international affairs.

In addition, we are expanding the OPC Bulletin into a vital, informative publication with items and news tips which only a journal of active press correspondents could produce. In this connection, I urge all of you to contribute news of yourselves and your associates so the Bulletin may be truly representative of the Club membership.

The annual Club banquet in March will, I can assure you, rival in excellence of speakers and program any similar dinner ever held in the past. I shall have an important announcement about that in the near future.

Another important part of our 1950 program will be the improving of the Club's services to its members on overseas assignment. The Club will act as their champion and spokesman in Government press relations and in any matter affecting their welfare and continued ability to work freely and efficiently.

I trust I may count on the cooperation of every member to help accomplish these "resolutions for 1950." A Happy New Year to you all!

FRANK KELLEY  
President



**OFFICIAL**

FIRST MEETING OF THE 1949-50 AWARDS COMMITTEE will be held at the OPC Club-rooms on Wednesday, January 4, at 5:45 P.M. Members, including those recently appointed to the Committee, are: LEO BRANHAM, Chairman, CORNELIUS RYAN, WYTHE WILLIAMS, RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., DAN GROSSI, TOM MALLEY, KEN PORTER, JOE WURZEL, GERALDINE SARTAIN, LARRY LESEUER, WILBUR FORREST, BEA MATHIEU, JOSEPH WILLICOMBE, RALPH GOLDBURGH, JOE ALEX MORRIS and THOMAS MORGAN.

Television Committee Meeting....Clubrooms....5:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 3rd....

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :  
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ACTIVE:

Luther Conant, Jr., Scriptwriter for Robert Montgomery news broadcast. Chief, Press Control Section, FWD, SHAEF, later ICD, USFET, London, from August to September, 1944; France, September 1944 to June 1945; Germany, June 1945 to January 1946. Proposed by LEO MARGOLIN.

Franc Shor, free-lance writer. Correspondent for Reader's Digest, China, 1946-1948; on assignment for the National Geographic Magazine, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan, 1949. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by PERCIVAL KNAUTH.

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RICHARD TREGASKIS has moved permanently from New York to California, where he's hard at work on 12 articles about famous American highway's for Collier's. He's also beating his typewriter to wind up two new books. OPC beachcombers may find him at 2291 King's Road, Newport Beach, Cal. (overlooking Balboa Bay.)... Effective January 1, 1950, HAROLD R. ISAACS resigns from Newsweek to devote full time to writing articles in the field of American Asian policy, Asian affairs, Point 4 and related subjects. First chore is a booklet for the Public Affairs Institute; second, completion of another book on Southern Asia.

EISA MAXWELL, according to the international ticker, has been chatting long-distance with Prince Aly Khan in Lausanne, Switzerland...Some say EISA may soon have an opportunity to "launch" Aly and Princess Rita in American Society.

OPC EDITOR-MEMBERS may receive an informative weekly newsletter on German affairs by writing Dr. Sabetzki, foreign editor of Rhein Echo (one of Germany's leading dailies) in Dusseldorf, British Zone...WILL OURSLER has authored a psychiatric thriller, "The Deadly Sin of Jealousy", for the January Coronet...One of the season's gayest Christmas cards was sent out by RALPH and Paulette FRANTZ.

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Because New Year's Day this year falls on Sunday, there  
 X ON TV WITH THE OPCX will be no OPC television show on January 1...Watch next  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX week's Bulletin, however, for announcement of the sig-  
 nificant program planned for January 8. Due to a Bulletin deadline, mention  
 was omitted of the participation on the December 18 television show of DICK  
 JOHNSTON, New York Times correspondent recently returned from Korea.

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THE INSIDE STORY of adventure in Tibet, by Past President LOWELL THOMAS and his son, Lowell Thomas, Jr., will begin in Collier's in February. The mss. is said to be studded with hot copy about infiltration of Tibetan borders by Communists... Newsweek's CORNELIUS RYAN is quietly canvassing available apartments (members in suburban New Jersey, take note) before announcing marriage plans...HENRY GELLER-MANN recently delivered a blast against indiscriminate suspension of German industry dismantling before a forum sponsored by the New School...REAVIS O'NEAL is off on a Florida vacation...An invitation from a Palm Beach publisher may bring HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE back to active newspapering soon...

"Diplomatic Buy-Lines", a monthly newsletter spotlighting merchandise bargains, has just been launched by JEWEL DE BONILIA. Each product mentioned in the sheet may be purchased at a discount by diplomats, consuls, UN people, etc. As a special concession to the OPC, "Diplomatic Buy-Lines" will be sent free to all interested members. Address: 19 East 57th St., New York 22. Telephone: Plaza 3-6529

A FLYING VACATION TRIP early this month brought BILL JESSUP, Tokyo Bureau Chief for McGraw-Hill World News, back to the U.S. With him are his wife and 22-month-old son. BILL will be in New York for a few days after January 23 before returning to Japan. Until then his address is Wayne Hotel, Wayne, Pa...Another vacationer from abroad is DAVID DARRAH, who arrived from France to spend the holidays in Ohio and Mexico. He'll be back in New York in mid-January prior to heading back to France...Guest Member THEODORE PREISER, former editor of the Palestine Financial Review, is available for assignments in Palestine. Call TR. 3-5566.

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 WHAT THEY SAY \* "It would be hard to find a more usable book if you keep up  
 ABOUT THE BOOK\* with national and international affairs."--That's what the  
 \*\*\*\*\* Houston Post has to say about the OPC's new book, "Men Who Make  
 Your World" (E. P. Dutton, \$3.50). But read on...The Birmingham  
 (Ala.) News declares: "Each of the 25 stories is a masterpiece in itself, al-  
 though all stories are different in style and presentation--some written racily  
 and clipped, others with fine, almost aristocratic studiousness...The Chicago

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Daily News says: "This book is a series of word sketches, each chapter written by a high ranking foreign correspondent. It is a gallery of rogues, of saints and sinners."

NICHOLSON PREDICTS NO  
CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARD  
GERMANY-BASED REPORTERS

American correspondents will not be placed on the "German economy" on January 1 or at any contemplated future date, according to a recent statement from Ralph Nicholson, Office of Public Affairs director on the staff of John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner for Germany... Press relations and accommodations are a joint responsibility of the U.S., Britain and France. And no changes in the existing system have thus far been ratified by all three... The Army and the High Commissioner, Nicholson insisted, "have been taking good care of the American correspondents and will continue doing so. The correspondents have been advised of this and have no justifiable cause to be concerned over this matter."

(Nevertheless -- member GAULT MCGOWAN of the New York Sun reports he's just been kicked out of his Heidelberg billet to make room for an Army Colonel!)

EUGENE ENGLISH is be- " " coming a regular commuter on the Bonn-Frankfurt-Paris- " ON THE OVERSEAS BEAT " Prague run for Press Wire- less... Despite Ingrid, " " Roberto's departure, Stromboli holds a fascination for EARL LEAF who's sticking close awaiting new developments... GEORGE KENT has just taken off for a year's overseas trip for Reader's Digest... Friends report that CBS correspondent DAVE SCHOENBRUN's advice is being eagerly sought these days by bigwigs in Paris from the Quai d'Orsay to the ECA... A new book by ANN STRINGER and husband, Henry Reiss of the New York Times will be out this spring. It's based on a year's junket that took them 40,000 miles across Europe... SIGRID SCHULTZ's piece on Germany (scheduled for the March McCall's) is said to be a sizzler... Our pipeline to Germany whispers that the Munich Press Club has added considerable footage to its bar; it's making money on drinks at 35¢ a shot. Reason: the stuff comes from the Army Quartermaster's tax-free stores... GEORGE MANCE of INS in Munich is rumored altar-bound. The splicing will take place soon in Paris or New York... CURT L. HEYMANN, roving correspondent for UN World, has just returned to his Paris base after a swing into Southeastern Europe and Turkey...

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JOSEPH ROSAPEPE, business editor of AP's World service, will leave soon for Rome where he will be correspondent for the New York Journal of Commerce and Coronet magazine. ROSAPEPE and his wife, DOROTHY CAREW, a former AP business writer and ex-UP Paris, will also contribute to other publications.

## In transatlantic travel the feature story is American Flagships!

• As EXPERIENCED world travelers you are already familiar with the advantages of transatlantic travel by American Airlines Flagship—comfort, service, speed and frequency of flights. Now American is proud to announce another step forward.

Beginning in mid-August, American will place into service its new Boeing Strato-cruisers. These double-decked luxury liners of the air will initiate an entirely new era in overseas travel. The next time you go, fly American!

# AMERICAN AIRLINES





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1,500 GUESTS SEE  
PREVIEW OF FILM  
BASED ON BOOK

Cardinal Spellman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luce, Bela Fabian, former premier of Hungary and film star Bonita Granville were among the 1,500 guests who gathered at the Waldorf Astoria on December 27 for a preview of the motion picture, "Guilty of Treason." The film, which covers the background and trial of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, is based on the Overseas Press Club's book, "As We See Russia."...Hosts at the affair were officials of Eagle Lion, distributors of the film. Preceding the special showing, the OPC members and guests were treated to a buffet supper. The picture itself, which stars Charles Bickford as Cardinal Mindszenty and Paul Kelly as an enterprising foreign correspondent, with Bonita Granville in the female lead, will have its public debut on February 8...President FRANK KELLEY spoke briefly, recalling that the preview was taking place on the anniversary of Cardinal Mindszenty's arrest. He also introduced Cardinal Spellman, Miss Granville and HOMER BIGART of the New York Herald Tribune Washington Bureau.

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FOUR OPC MEMBERS, GENE ZENIER of Warner-Pathe News; KEYES BEACH, Chicago Daily News; ALLEN RAYMOND, New York Herald Tribune; and CHARLES GOREY, Associated Press, were among the 11 correspondents and photographers who sailed last week aboard the "S.S. Lakefield Victory" for the rendezvous with Consul General Angus Ward and his party at Taku Bar... H. V. KALTENBORN's new book, "Fifty Fabulous Years", which he edited for the Pure Oil Co., has just come off the presses...

RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Acting Editor

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